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UNDERSTANDING THE ZIKA VIRUS

5 THINGS TO KNOW AFTER WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARES GLOBAL EMERGENCY

By Rianne Coale | REDEYE

The outbreak of the mosquito-borne Zika—pronounced ZEE-kah—virus has been declared a global emergency by the U.N.’s World Health Organization.

Prior to 2015, major outbreaks of Zika occurred in areas of Africa, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, but more recently, a big outbreak has hit Brazil.

It’s believed that the most vulnerable to Zika are pregnant women. Officials suspect there’s a link between pregnant women catching the virus and babies being born with a neurological condition known as microcephaly, which causes a baby’s head and, in many cases, brain to be abnormally small.

1. What is the virus, and how do you catch it?

The Zika virus is a pathogen that can be transmitted through a mosquito bite. As of now, a person needs to be exposed to a mosquito that is carrying the virus in order to be infected with it. That said, health officials say a patient in Texas was infected after having sexual contact with an ill person who returned from a country where Zika was present.

The World Health Organization declared a global emergency Monday over the spread of the virus, whose current epicenter is Brazil but is circulating in many countries and territories across the Americas.

2. What is the Illinois connection?

So far, the Illinois Department of Public Health has reported three cases of Zika virus in Illinois in people who have returned from travel in places where Zika is circulating.

Two pregnant women tested positive for the virus after traveling in Honduras and Haiti, as did a man who traveled to South America.

3. How can we protect ourselves against it?

“Anyone who is traveling to countries where the Zika virus is circulating needs to take necessary precautions to prevent mosquito bites,” said Michael Angarone, assistant professor of medicine in infectious diseases at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a Northwestern Medicine physician.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised pregnant women to



5. What are the symptoms of the Zika virus?

People infected with the Zika virus may experience a fever, a rash, joint pain and red, irritated eyes. These symptoms could last for a few days or up to week and will usually occur within a few days of becoming infected.

These symptoms may sound very similar to ones associated with other, more common viruses that are circulating this time of year, like the flu, but there is no need to assume you’re infected with the Zika virus, Angarone said.

“As far as we know right now, it’s only affecting people who have traveled where it’s circulating, like Central and South America,” Angarone said. “If you have only stayed locally, it’s highly unlikely you’d have a Zika infection.”

Doctor’s advice: If you’ve traveled to a country where there have been Zika transmissions and develop a fever within 1-2 weeks of your return, Angarone suggests you visit a doctor.

4. Are the mosquitos that can transmit the virus found here in the U.S.?

Yes. Aedes albopictus, the Asian tiger mosquito, and Aedes aegypti, the yellow fever mosquito, are both found in the U.S.

Taken together, “there are many parts of the United States that are vulnerable because of where the mosquito populations are,” Laura Harrington, chair of Cornell University’s entomology department, told the Tribune.

But so far, there have been no cases of local Zika transmission in the U.S.

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Startup IV firms offer a hangover helper

By Cheryl V. Jackson | BLUE SKY INNOVATION

There's another infusion into Chicago's on-demand in-home IV hydration scene, with startups trying to appeal to the tired, hung-over and vain.

Oak Brook-based IV Luxury is the latest entry, with four nurses available to administer IVs in homes, hotels and workplaces. The service can be booked and paid for online.

The startup offers treatment for hangovers and fatigue, and cosmetic benefits such as the repair and rejuvenation of skin, said founder Dr. Umair Elahi, who has invested about \$65,000 into the business.

Young partygoers looking to recover from overindulging in alcohol, women interested in anti-aging procedures and athletes wanting to enhance performance, stamina and recovery are the company's target audience, he said.

The IV treatments start at \$199, and vitamins and minerals can be added, he said.

“It’s a concierge service for individuals who are able to invest in their health,” he said. “Our goal is to make it more affordable in the long run for the general population.”

IV Luxury follows three-year-old IVme Hydration Clinic to the Chicago market. That operation has locations in Old Town and suburban Northfield and also offers mobile service.

New York-based The I.V. Medical Doctor opened The I.V. Doc, which offers mobile IV service as well, in 2014 in downtown Chicago.

Services range from a \$150 vitamin B complex muscle injection to burn fat and energize to \$399 IV treatments for migraine or flu relief, skin and hair treatment, and antioxidant therapy.

The company also operates in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas. It plans to

begin operating in Boston next month, said New York surgeon Dr. Adam Nadelson, who founded the startup with his father, a urologist, in 2013.

“When I was in residency, I had friends who wanted to feel better right away, and we knew, as residents, that this was exactly what most of my friends needed,” said Nadelson, 32.

Dr. Natasha Withers of One Medical Group in New York says any time a needle is inserted into an arm, there’s a risk of infection and a blood clot developing at the site. The safest place to receive an IV, she said, is in a medical setting, such as an emergency room or urgent care center.

And, she said, for those with normally functioning gastrointestinal tracts, drinking water or other liquids is an effective and safer option to IV therapy, she said.

“As long as you don’t have any specific medical condition that affects absorption in your GI tract, you should be able to drink water and other liquids to hydrate,” she said. “For example, even if a patient came to the emergency room, the medical staff would try oral hydration first before moving on to an IV.”

Withers said water or a drink with electrolytes could help cure dehydration, while over-the-counter medicines can treat headaches.

Nevertheless, there’s a demand for the 45-minute at-home service, which includes a phone consultation with Elahi.

Tony Kucharski, 30, of suburban Elmhurst, said he scheduled an appointment with IV Luxury before a night of partying and it made him feel more energetic.

“I’d gotten terrible hangovers in the past and made a note so that if I needed them in the future, I could give them a call,” he said. Afterward, “I felt more awake.”

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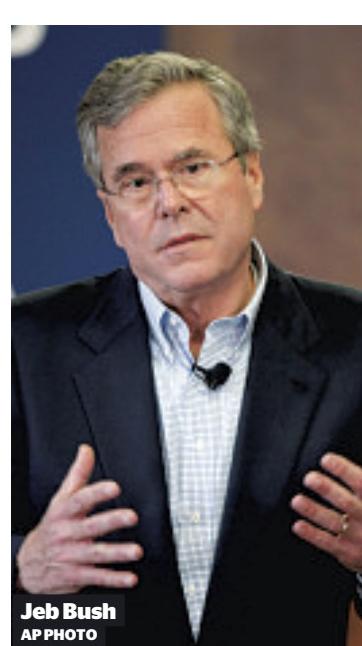
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ADDICTION EMERGES AS A TOP CAMPAIGN ISSUE

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Unlike in other recent presidential elections, addiction has taken center stage on the campaign trail with candidates revealing personal stories and signaling a national shift in perspective on how to address the issue from criminalization to treatment.

Over the past few months, with the help of New Hampshire residents, who ranked drug abuse as the most important problem facing the state over jobs and the economy, the heroin crisis in particular has been pushed into the national spotlight, prompting the presidential contenders to talk about addiction at forums, debates and town hall meetings leading up to the first primary election, set for Tuesday in that East Coast state.

Local treatment providers and addiction experts hope the discussion will lead to real solutions; the Chicago area ranked first in the U.S. for heroin-related emergency room visits in a report released last summer.

"This is the first time, I would say, the way it's been conceptualized [is] instead of a war on drugs, it's a public health approach to the opioid overdose epidemic," said Kathleen Kane-Willis, director of the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy at Roosevelt University.

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders scored points for calling addiction a "disease, not a criminal activity" during a December debate. Meanwhile, GOP hopeful Chris Christie shared in a video that has gone viral how his mother struggled with her smoking addiction and how a law school buddy got addicted to painkillers and died of an overdose. Carly Fiorina, who's also vying for the GOP nod, wrote in a Time piece about how she lost her stepdaughter to the "demons of addiction."

The personal stories can be a way to help voters pick a candidate in a crowded field, said Zachary Cook, political science professor at DePaul University.

"First off, we are seeing a really distressing increase in the number of deaths from heroin and from other drug overdoses, and secondly we are seeing it especially in the state of New Hampshire, which is ground zero right now for both political parties," Cook said.

The national statistics are staggering. Heroin-related deaths nearly quadrupled between 2002 and 2013, with more than 8,200 deaths in 2013 alone, according to the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention.

But the public conversation needs to go a step further, said Ramsen Kasha, executive director of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation in Chicago.

"We have to not just hear the disease affects everybody," Kasha said. "It's just as important to hear recovery is possible and having a healthy lifestyle in recovery is possible and it does happen with regularity."

As heroin use has climbed, state funding for treatment in Illinois has been slashed. The report authored by Kane-Willis found that Illinois was among the worst in the country in providing publicly funded treatment for addiction.

While reforms focused on sentencing, treatment policies and health care typically are state-level matters, the president can use the office as a bully pulpit to set priorities and articulate what issues he or she feels the states and local governments should be working on, Cook said.

In an op-ed, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton outlined her \$10 billion plan to fight drug and alcohol addiction with five major

points: prevention; treatment and recovery; first responders having access to naloxone (a drug that reverses heroin overdoses); prescribers being required to consult a drug monitoring program before writing prescriptions for controlled substances; and criminal justice reform to prioritize treatment over incarceration.

GOP hopeful Jeb Bush told voters in an ad called "Recovery" posted to YouTube last month about his daughter who struggled with drug addiction and went through a drug court program. His strategy includes broadening access to drug courts, enacting stiffer sentences for drug cartels and violent traffickers and improving border security to stop drugs from entering the country.

GOP candidate Donald Trump has said he wants to battle the heroin problem on two fronts: local treatment clinics and a wall he wants to build at the border to stop the source of the drug flow.

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BREAKING THE CYCLE

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By Jordan Monroe Schultz | REDEYE

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Lewis wasn't ready to leave his marketing job, but the instructor got him thinking.

"Every day that I went to work I thought about being an instructor at Soul," he said.

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PRO AT PLAYING KEEPAWAY, "SO IF HE STARTED RUNNING WITH THE TOY, HE WOULD SCORE A TOUCHDOWN."

—owner Tim Johnson, of Hyde Park

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WHAT MAKES HER A VALUABLE PLAYER FOR TEAM FLUFF

"SHE'S SWEET ENOUGH [BUT CAN] BE DECEIVING."

—owner Beth Long, of Lincoln Park



PUP, PUP, HIKE!

By Shelbie Lynn Bostedt | REDEYE

Snacks? Check. HD screen the size of an SUV? Check. Friendly wagers with partygoers? Check. The anticipation couldn't be higher in Chicago for ... Puppy Bowl XII.

With the Bears out of the OTHER big game happening Sunday, Chicagoans can still find hope in knowing that two of the esteemed Puppy Bowl "athletes" are from the Windy City. Cooper, a Great Pyrenees/collie mix, and Athena, an American bulldog mix, will compete in the game (2 p.m. Sunday, Animal Planet) alongside more than 80 other pups.

Athena and Cooper were submitted as Puppy Bowl players by PAWS Chicago, a local no-kill shelter. While both dogs have since been adopted,

the rest of the lineup features adoptable (and adorable!) canines from 44 shelters across 25 states.

Cooper originally hails from Tennessee, where he was rescued along with his five siblings. With adoptions increasing in recent years, PAWS has been able to rescue animals from other states that would otherwise be put down. As for Athena, she, her mother and her siblings were rescued by PAWS from Chicago Animal Care and Control.

PAWS entered the pups after being

contacted by Animal Planet. The organizations had worked together during the Puppy Bowl Draft in April and at Woofstock, a festival for pet owners who have adopted animals, in June. Athena and Cooper fit the network's age, breed and personality requirements.

During the game, which was taped a few months ago in New York, Cooper was a touchdown machine for Team Fluff against Team Ruff, giving him a real shot at MVP (Most Valuable Puppy) honors. Tim Johnson and Michelle Skinner of Hyde Park adopted him in August.

"He's such a great dog," Johnson said. "Him being in the Puppy Bowl is just an added bonus."

While Cooper ran plays on the field, Athena buddied up to the human referee. Although playing on the refs' emotions might help in the NFL, you'll have to watch Puppy Bowl XII to see if it helps or hinders Team Fluff.

Her owner, Beth Long of Lincoln Park, said Athena "thought that her flirting might work to get her in the starting lineup." Alas, she ended up a second stringer.

"We had a couple months together before she became a celebrity puppy," said Long, who adopted Athena in August. "That made it even cooler to be able to see the little stinker on the big stage in New York City."

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Puppy Bowl XII roster includes 2 Chicago dogs



Looking for a new pet?

Although Athena and Cooper are spoken for, PAWS is hosting a Puppy Bowl-inspired adoption event from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at its Lincoln Park Adoption Center. For information, visit pawschicago.org.



Super stuffed

In Thursday's edition, RedEye looks back at the previous decade's funniest commercials from the big game.

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NEXT BIG THING

TACO BELL WANTS YOU TO BUY ITS SECRET NEW MENU ITEM BEFORE YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS

By Jenn Harris | LOS ANGELES TIMES

Taco Bell promises to release its "biggest launch to date" Sunday during the Super Bowl. Will it be Sriracha Quesarito fries? A tofu burrito? A quesadilla wrapped around a Crunchwrap Supreme stuffed with a taco?

The answer won't be revealed until an ad runs during Sunday's game, but fans of the fast food chain can start pre-ordering whatever the mystery menu item is now.

Yes, you can order "it," without knowing what "it" even is.

Orders placed at tacobell.com/preorder will be available for pickup between 2 and 4 p.m. at Taco Bell restaurants nationwide Saturday. So if you do pre-order, you'll find out what "it" is early. If you don't happen to pre-order the item, you'll have to wait a whole two extra days to get your hands on it Monday.



The secret item is priced at \$2.99, and you can order up to five. So if you want to shell out almost \$3 for a mystery dish—and commit to waiting in line at your favorite Taco Bell during a two-hour window Saturday—you can.

If we're going to make an educated guess

based on the brand's past big reveals, including the Sriracha Quesarito and a burrito stuffed with Flamin' Hot Cheetos, the new item probably involves a ridiculous amount of cheese, hot sauce and something crunchy.

We've reached out to Taco Bell, and if they let anything slip, we'll let you know.

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***Old 97's, Heartless Bastards**, Saturday, May 21 (\$30-\$40, 17+) at Thalia Hall.

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at Lincoln Hall.

***New Order**, Wednesday, March 16 (\$49.50-\$79.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

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The Summer Set, Sunday, April 24 (\$20-\$23, all ages) at Bottom Lounge.

***The Thermals**, Wednesday, April 20 (\$15, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

***Twin Peaks**, Friday, May 13 (\$20, all ages) at Lincoln Hall.

ON SALE 11 A.M. FRIDAY

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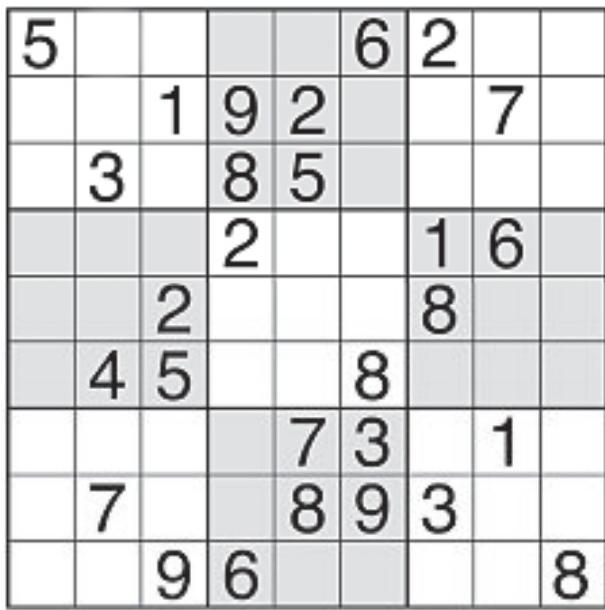
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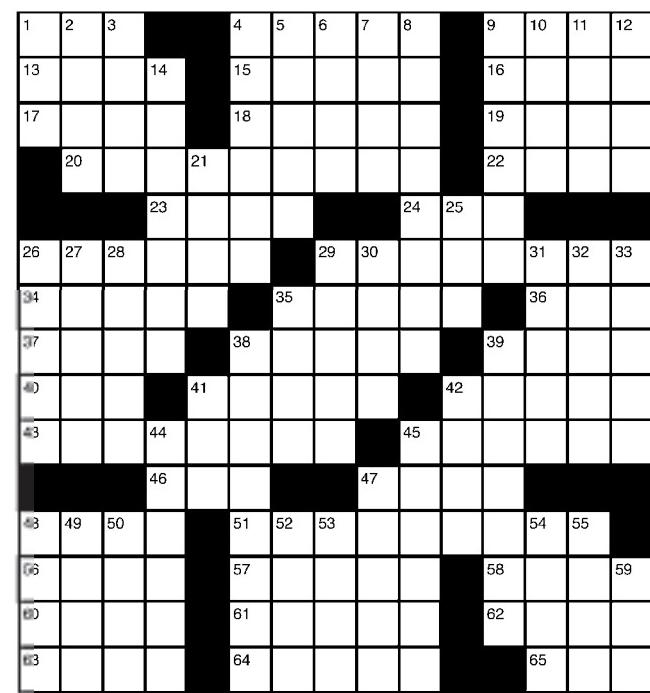


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9 Indian prince
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15 Wear away
16 Plow pullers
17 Intl. military alliance
18 Classic name for a dog
19 Owner's paper
20 Like Keokuk residents
22 Notice
23 Uses a straw
24 Prefix for stop or sense
25 Conflict; battle
29 In the __ for now
34 Entire
35 Black-and-white bear
36 Capture
37 Military force
38 Digitario
39 Ignore rudely
40 "Cry __ River"
41 Out of practice
42 Sitter's item
43 Necklace danglers
45 Mr. Hitchcock
46 Persecution
47 Judge's order
48 " __ wrap"; film director's cry
51 Abandoning
52 Parks feature
53 Monopoly player's buy
54 Part of speech
55 Member
61 Kicks out
62 Chess or poker
63 "The Road Not Taken" or "I"
64 Pines & locusts
65 FDIC's successor

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- 1 Swimsuit; diver's flipper
2 Unruly child
3 Smidgen
4 Señor's shave
5 Numbered golf clubs
6 Reason to wed
7 Elegant poems
8 Minstrels' love song



- 9 Flat or squirrel
10 Wood-splitters
11 Army vehicle
12 Actor Griffith
13 In a way that disturbs others
14 Married woman
15 Leaving __ Jet Plane;
16 Os hit
17 Marshland
18 Midafternoon
28 Numerals; VI, XL, M, etc.
29 Soda shop orders
30 Jealousy
31 Near the center
32 Purple shade
33 Receded
34 Nuisance
35 Basketball leaper's play
36 Using a sieve
37 Galloped
38 Went down smoothly
44 Royal crown
45 Actor James
46 Use foolishly
47 Pancake house
48 African nation
49 as a boil
50 Sightseeing trip
51 Trick
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54 Holey fabric



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- About 35 percent of the world's population lives in countries where people drive on the left side of road.
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BOWIE TRIBUTE

Lady Gaga will perform a David Bowie tribute at this year's Grammys, according to [vulture.com](#). Gaga has been vocal in the past about Bowie being a huge influence on her career. Grammys producer Ken Ehrlich said, "It's going to be a true homage to who David was, particularly musically, but not ignoring his influence on fashion and pop culture in a broader way." Cool, we're down.

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THE DIGIT

420

That's how many seconds a new Instagram series will run. Yes, you read that right. "Shield 5" debuted Tuesday on Instagram, according to [deadline.com](#). The show consists of 28 15-second videos, and each episode will be accompanied by a photo that also will be a part of the story. The show is about John Swift, a security driver arrested for his involvement in a diamond heist and a colleague's death ... that sounds about like the end of the show right there.



THE QUOTE

"IT WAS BASED ON READING THAT THE ONLY NOMINATIONS THAT THE MOVIES 'CREED' AND 'STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON' GOT WENT TO WHITE PEOPLE. THAT'S THE IDEA OF THE SKETCH RIGHT THERE. IT WAS, LIKE, PITCHED TO ME BY THE NEWS."

— "Saturday Night Live" head writer **Rob Klein**, about "SNL's" recent "Screen Guild Awards" sketch about the Oscars being so white.

Banks to play Repulsa

Elizabeth Banks has been cast as the villain Rita Repulsa in the upcoming "Power Rangers" film, a big-screen take on the kids TV show from the '90s, according to [thr.com](#). Oh, she's perfect for the role. We're in. The movie is set to hit theaters March 24, 2017, THR previously reported.

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Continuing his world domination

James Corden has been tapped to host this year's Tony Awards on June 12, according to [cbsnews.com](#). "I'm absolutely thrilled to be hosting the Tony Awards. Both times I've worked on Broadway have been amongst the happiest times of my professional life," Corden said in a statement. Corden himself has won a Tony Award.